



# Newsletter

**Edgewater Glen Association**

**April, 2014**

## **All Edgewater Glen Meeting Scheduled for April 7 at 7 PM.**

Make sure you plan to attend our spring meeting in the St. Gertrude's Social Hall at the Southwest corner of Granville and Glenwood. Alderman Harry Osterman will provide a 48th Ward Update. Likely topics will be crime prevention, commercial development and the efforts to make North Broadway safer for pedestrians and bicycle riders. In addition to the alderman, a representative from Peirce School will be on hand to update us on all the progress underway there.

The meeting begins at 7:00 with a brief reception featuring refreshments. You will have an opportunity to renew your membership, sign up for our mailing list, register for the garden walk and who knows what else. Say hello to the neighbors you have not seen since the beginning of 2014, compare polar vortex stories and hear the latest on what is going on in and around the Glen.

## **Living in Edgewater Glen**

Chicago Magazine in their annual real estate section recently named Edgewater one of Chicago's top neighborhoods. The residents of Edgewater Glen, through the Edgewater Glen Association (EGA), and other venues have played a key role in making our neighborhood a fantastic place to live. The positives keep expanding as recently demonstrated by the variety of new retail establishments on Broadway, including the coming arrival of Whole Foods. Living in Edgewater Glen, gives a short walk to the Red Line, the Lake and the Library...to name just a few of the nearby conveniences. To see just how walkable our

neighborhood is, and your exact address, go the website [Walkscore.Com](http://Walkscore.Com). Just enter your address and you will get the score, which is based on proximity to stores, transit, and other amenities. Parts of the Glen receive "walk scores above 90, out of a 100 possible, and have been labeled a "walkers paradise."

## **What is EGA and What Does it Do for Me?**

EGA is the Edgewater Glen Association. We have been around for 40 years looking out for the interests of those who live here. Every year we sponsor the Garden Walk, the neighborhood-wide garage sale and host at least two neighborhood-wide general meetings to discuss topical matters with political leadership and others. EGA was instrumental in downzoning the West side of Broadway as it runs through our neighborhood, which has prevented the construction of anymore high rise building and the addition of heavy commercial uses such as muffler and auto-body repair shops. EGA elects a president and board of directors each year during our Garden Walk. If you are not a dues paying member of EGA, please fill out the form in this newsletter and help keep our neighborhood beautiful and thriving.

## **Swap a Plant & Get a Plant**



EGA Spring Plant Swap will be held again this year. The date is Saturday May 24th from 10am to noon in the back yard of good neighbor Sue Green at 1420 W. Glenlake, weather permitting. Bring extra plants that you'd like to share and/or come meet your gardening neighbors. Even if you don't have anything to share, we usually have leftovers that need a home. For more info contact Kim Kaulas, 773-368-3949, [kaulas@rcn.com](mailto:kaulas@rcn.com)

### **Annual Edgewater Glen All Neighborhood Garage Sale is on Saturday, June 7...Rain or Shine**

This is one of those special events that help to bring us together as neighbors, not to mention an opportunity to raise a little cash from those unwanted items. As in the past, other neighborhoods around the Glen will also be participating. It has been going on, one way or another for 20 years. Your registration fee covers the cost of all advertising and promotion. We also obtain licenses for all participants. **The city of Chicago ordinance requires that all sellers be licensed.** This is what you need to do to participate.

- **Write your name, street address and telephone number on a 3x5 card.**
- **Indicate if your sale will be in front yard or garage. (front yard is probably the best location)**
- **Write a check for \$10.00, payable to Edgewater Glen Assn, and drop it with your 3x5 card in the mail slot of Steve Meiss at 1242 West Hood or Tim Later at 1415 Glenlake. **Deadline for registration is Monday, June 2.****
- **Questions? [smeiss@ameritech.net](mailto:smeiss@ameritech.net)**

### **Edgewater Glen Garden Walk is July 13**

The Edgewater Glen Garden Walk has been showcasing beautiful yards and gardens in our neighborhood since 1973. On Sunday July 13 from noon-5pm we'll be featuring the yards in the 1400 & 1500 blocks of Norwood, Glenlake, Hood and Granville. Once again this year, we will be recognizing those properties that are contributing to our communities' safety by avoiding all chemical pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, chemical fertilizers, 'weed and feed' products, chemical sprays, **or any product with the word 'kill' in it's description.** These are all harmful to humans, pets, and wildlife and seemingly unnecessary based on the lovely yards that thrive without them. Register on the following page. The starting point is 1420 Glenlake where maps will be available. Contribution is \$5 each for adults with children free. Refreshments and raffle prize chances will also be on hand. For garden entries, see the application in this newsletter.

### **EGA Parkway Corner Rebate Program**



**Edgewater Glen Association Offers \$100 Rebates for Pre-approved 'Adopt-a-Parkway-Corner' Applicants**

Again this year, EGA is encouraging efforts to beautify our parkway corners by offering a limited number of \$100 material rebates for neighbors who would like to adopt an orphan corner. These very-visible spaces are an opportunity to beautify our special neighborhood by utilizing the talents of our many wonderful gardeners! However-material costs are just a small part of this

commitment. The time and labor required for these spaces is not minimal as after the installation is completed, various degrees of weeding, watering, deadheading, clean-up, etc. will need to be attended to in perpetuity. Perhaps a whole block could commit to a space or a consortium of enthusiastic gardening friends could share a space in order to share the maintenance load. Access to water via the closest hose spigot is an important component for

keeping these spaces flourishing. Most-accessible hose spigot owners can help to make this maintenance chore more user-friendly for the gardeners. Upon approval, EGA will reimburse the first \$100 of material costs upon submittal of receipts & post-installation. For more info about how you can participate contact Kim Kaulas, 773-368-3949, [kaulas@rcn.com](mailto:kaulas@rcn.com)

**Put your Garden in the EDGEWATER GLEN Garden Walk  
Sunday, July 13, 2014  
Noon to 5:00 p.m.**

I live on the 1400-1500 block of Norwood, Glenlake, Hood or Granville and I wish to open my garden for the EGA Garden Walk 2011:

name \_\_\_\_\_ address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

poison free yard or garden

Back yard only  Front yard only  both front and back yard

Special features of my garden are: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or drop off form: Jeff Wegerson, 1240 W. Hood, 533-2795 by June 30, 2014. You may also contact Kim Kaulas 773:761-3668

Register for door prize drawing.

Enjoy refreshments at select **locations.**

**Edgewater Glen Association**

*Annual Garden Walk*

**SUNDAY JULY 13, 2014**

**12 noon to 5 p.m.**

**View beautiful gardens in the western half of Edgewater Glen**

**(The 14 and 15 hundred blocks of Norwood, Glenlake, Hood and Granville)**

**See back yards, front yards, flower, fruit,**

## Why You Should Join the EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION (EGA) Today

The Edgewater Glen Neighborhood is bounded by Broadway, Clark, Norwood and the South side of Granville. If you live in this area, please join us.

For decade after decade, EGA has worked vigorously to preserve and improve the great qualities of the Edgewater Glen Neighborhood. EGA represents resident's interests at public forums, maintains and works to improve relationships with the area's elected officials and acts as an area advocate on critical issues. From time to time, we have mobilized our neighborhood to fight to maintain the quality of life that brought us here in the first place. We are continuously working to create "The Perfect Chicago Neighborhood".

EGA has great opportunities for members to volunteer. Help work toward a better neighborhood by donating your time. **Take advantage of the opportunity to join your neighbors as a volunteer member of the Board of directors of EGA or as an elected officer.** Sign up for our YAHOO group to keep up on neighborhood news and find out about our upcoming meetings. To sign up, please include your e-mail address.

If you are already a member, it is time to renew your dues for just 10 dollars for a year. Fill out this handy form and bring it to our meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>, or mail or deliver to the EGA treasurer, Steve Bishop, at 1229 West Glenlake.

### EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION 2014 MEMBERSHIP

Yes, I want to join/ renew!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \$10, individuals and families

\$25, Institutions and businesses

Please enclose a check with your name and address and mail to or drop off at:

**EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION  
1229 W. Glenlake  
Chicago 60660**

I am a new member \_\_\_\_\_

I am renewing my membership \_\_\_\_\_

#### EGA Officers:

President-Tim Later  
1st VP-Jeff Wegerson  
2nd VP-Kim Kaulas  
3rd VP-Steve Meiss  
Treasurer-Steve Bishop  
Recording Secretary-Dawn Wyman  
Corresponding Secretary-Betty Morita